

B2 20. (Amended) The method of claim 18 further comprising the steps of making said composite material into an approximately rectangular shape, and thermoforming said composite in a mold having a shape, for a time and under heat and pressure sufficient to cause said composite to maintain the shape of said mold.

21. (Twice Amended) The method of claim 20 further comprising the step of joining at least two edges of the material and sealing a seam formed by said at least two edges of said material after joining the two edges of the material.

22. (Amended) The method of claim 21 wherein said edge seam is sealed ultrasonically.

Additionally, please add the following new claims:

B3 23. A method of making a composite for a diaper, comprising the steps of co-extruding a film composition with an absorbent foam composition from a multiple-manifold cast film die, to form a composite material with either a filled or inherently breathable film, and an absorbent foam; making appropriate cutouts in the composite for legs; and thermoforming said composite in a mold having a shape, for a time and under heat and pressure sufficient to cause said composite to maintain the shape of said mold.

24. The method of claim 23, further including the step of joining at least one additional nonwoven layer to at least one side of said composite material.

Remarks

Claims 18-22 are presented for Examiner Goff's consideration.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

By way of the Office Action mailed January 9, 2003, Examiner Goff approved of the proposed Drawing changes submitted in the previous amendment. As a result, replacement formal drawings are submitted with this response.